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In re Application of: Eugene M. Wolf

For: FACILE TOTAL SHOULDER ARTHROPLASTY APPARATUS AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents
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Dear Sir,

Prior to examination and supplemental to the preliminary amendment filed October 18, 2001, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 26, without prejudice, and amend the pending claims as follows:

1. A total shoulder arthroplasty apparatus for recreating an anatomic proximal humeral configuration, comprising:

a stemless humeral head for coupling to a cut humeral surface, wherein the humeral head includes a base having a rotationally-stabilizing base extension protruding therefrom including multiple fins for impaction into a cancellous region of the cut humeral surface.

3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein one or more of said multiple fins are substantially planar.

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